

DELTA PREFERRED OPTION USA PLUS®

The DeltaPreferred Option USA Plus program combines two of Delta Dental's national dental networks, DeltaPreferred Option and DeltaPremier, giving you access to dentists that participate in both. You'll receive the greatest value when you visit a DeltaPreferred Option dentist because they generally accept lower fees for their services. And if you choose to visit a dentist who participates in the DeltaPremier network, you'll also enjoy savings. Most dentists in the country participate in one or both of these networks so, chances are, your dentist is in one of them. Your dental plan covers services provided by non-participating dentists as well.

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Type I Preventive	Type II Basic Restorative	Type III Major Restorative
Covered at 100% in and out-of-network	Covered at 80% in and out-of-network	Covered at 50% in and out-of-network
Diagnostic: Comprehensive Evaluation - <i>Once every 60 months per dentist</i> Periodic Oral Exams – <i>Once every 6 months</i> Full Mouth X-rays - <i>Once every 60 months</i> Bitewing X-rays - <i>Once every 6 months</i> Single Tooth X-rays - <i>As needed</i> Preventive: Teeth Cleaning - <i>Once every 6 months</i> Fluoride Treatments - <i>Once every 6 months for members under age 19</i> Space Maintainers (required due to the premature loss of teeth) - <i>For members under age 14 and not for the replacement of primary or permanent anterior teeth</i> Sealants - <i>Unrestored permanent molars, once per tooth for members through age 15. Sealants are also covered for members aged 16 up to age 19 for those who have had a recent cavity and are at risk for decay</i> Chlorhexidine Mouthrinse – <i>This is a covered benefit only when administered and dispensed in your dentist's office following scaling and root planing</i> Fluoride Toothpaste – <i>This is a covered benefit only when administered and dispensed in your dentist's office following periodontal surgery</i>	Restorative: Silver Fillings - <i>Once every 24 months per surface per tooth</i> White Fillings - <i>Once every 24 months per surface per tooth on front teeth; single surface only on back teeth</i> Temporary Fillings - <i>Once per tooth</i> Stainless Steel Crowns (baby teeth only) - <i>Once every 24 months per tooth</i> Oral Surgery: <i>Oral surgical benefits not provided when rendered in a surgical day care or hospital setting</i> Simple Extractions Surgical Extractions Periodontics: Periodontal Surgery - <i>Periodontal benefits not provided when rendered in a surgical day care or hospital setting</i> Scaling and Root Planing - <i>Once in 24 months, per quadrant</i> Periodontal Cleaning - <i>Once every 3 months following active periodontal treatment, not to exceed 2 in a calendar year if combined with preventive cleanings</i> Endodontics: Root Canal Treatment - <i>Once per tooth</i> Vital Pulpotomy – <i>Limited to deciduous teeth for members under age 14</i> Prosthetic Maintenance: Bridge or Denture Repair - <i>Once within 12 months, same repair</i> Rebase or Reline of Dentures - <i>Once within 36 months</i> Recement of Crowns and Onlays - <i>Once per tooth</i> Emergency Dental Care: Minor Treatment for Pain Relief - <i>Three occurrences in 12 months</i> General Anesthesia - <i>Allowed with covered surgical services only</i>	Prosthodontics: Dentures - <i>Once within 60 months</i> Fixed Bridges and Crowns (when part of a bridge) - <i>Once within 60 months</i> Major Restorative: Crowns (when teeth cannot be restored with regular fillings) - <i>Once within 60 months per tooth</i>

Calendar Year Maximum: \$1,500 Per Person Per Calendar Year.

Calendar Year Deductible: \$50 per individual on Type II & III services, \$150 per family.

Limitations Do Apply.

Dependents covered to age 19. Full-time students covered to age 25.

To find out if your dentist is part of the DeltaPreferred or DeltaPremier network, check our web site at www.deltamass.com/dpo.

Identification Cards

Two identification cards from Delta Dental of Massachusetts will be mailed to your home shortly after your enrollment. Both cards are issued in the subscriber's name, but can be used by everyone covered under your plan. Simply provide your dentist with the information that is printed on your ID card at your next dental office visit. This lets the office know you are a DeltaPreferred Option USA Plus member.

Choosing a Dentist

You'll enjoy great benefits when you receive your dental care from a Delta Dental participating dentist, including:

- Lower out-of-pocket costs: Participating dentists agree to accept reduced fees for their services. Dentists that participate in the DeltaPreferred Option and DeltaPremier networks generally accept discounted fees for services they provide. Since your co-payments are based on these fees, you pay lower out-of-pocket costs than you would if you went to an out-of-network dentist.
- No claim forms: Participating dentists will prepare and submit claims for you.
- Direct Payment: Delta pays the dentist directly, so you don't have to pay the covered amount up front and wait for a reimbursement check.

The Claims Process for Participating Dentists

- Simply provide your dentist with the information that is printed on your ID card.
- The dentist will submit your claim to Delta Dental.
- If you have a patient responsibility, Delta Dental will send you an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) detailing what Delta Dental paid the dentist under your plan's coverage and the remaining patient balance, which you pay directly to the dentist.
- You are responsible for any co-payments and deductibles.

If you receive a treatment that is not covered under your plan, you may be billed at the dentist's normal rate rather than Delta Dental's negotiated rate. **Also, if you receive a treatment after you have exhausted your maximum or if you receive a treatment, which will cause you to exceed your maximum, you may be billed at the dentist's normal rate rather than Delta Dental's negotiated rate.** To avoid any unexpected out-of-pocket expenses, we recommend that you visit Delta Dental's Web site www.deltamass.com or call Customer Service to determine your remaining benefits.

The Claims Process For Non-Participating Dentists

Your dental benefits cover services performed by dentists who don't participate with Delta. However, your out-of-pocket costs may be more. Coverage is only available for those services covered by your dental plan, and is subject to the same limitations and exclusions. Delta Dental's payment for services received from non-participating dentists is based on either the dentist's fee or the maximum plan allowance for non-participating dentists, whichever is lower. If you receive a treatment that is not covered under your plan, you may be billed at the dentist's normal rate rather than Delta Dental's negotiated rate. **Also, if you receive a treatment after you have exhausted your maximum or if you receive a treatment, which will cause you to exceed your maximum, you may be billed at the dentist's normal rate rather than Delta Dental's negotiated rate.** To avoid any unexpected out-of-pocket expenses, we recommend that you visit Delta Dental's Web site www.deltamass.com or call Customer Service to determine your remaining benefits.

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For dentists who don't participate with Delta Dental:

- Simply provide your dentist with the information that is printed on your ID card.
- Your dentist will collect his/her fees directly from you.
- Delta will reimburse you based on a claim form that you submit. Please submit all claim forms to: Delta Dental of Massachusetts, P.O. Box 9695, Boston, MA 02114. Your dentist may be willing to prepare and submit the claim form for you.

Coordination of Benefits

If your family is covered by more than one dental plan (or a medical plan that offers dental coverage), Delta Dental will coordinate benefits with the other carrier. In determining coverage, total payments from both carriers cannot exceed the allowable charge for service. If you have a question about Coordination of Benefits (COB), please contact our Customer Service department at 1-800-872-0500.

Other Claims Information

- All claims must be submitted within one year.
- Ask your dentist to submit a "pre-treatment estimate" to Delta for any procedure that exceeds \$300. This will enable us to help you estimate any out-of-pocket expenses you may incur.
- If a claim is denied, you can request an appeal by writing to Delta Dental within 180 days of receiving notice on the claim. Send appeals to Delta Dental, P.O. Box 9695, Boston, MA 02114.
- Under your plan's subrogation clause, you may be required to reimburse Delta for claim payments if you also receive payment from a third party who is held liable for an injury that required the dental care.

Where To Get More Information

If you have further questions, please contact Delta Dental's Customer Service department at 1-800-872-0500.

This information should be used only as a guideline for your dental benefits plan. For detailed information on your group's plan, riders, terms and conditions, or limitations and exclusions, please see the subscriber certificate. Copies of the Subscriber Certificate are available through your benefits administrator.

